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In re Application of Williams et al.) Examiner: James M. Hewitt
Serial No.: 10/605,348) Art Unit: 3679
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For: FERRULE HAVING CONVEX INTERIOR WALL PORTION (AMENDED)

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed June 5, 2007, Applicants hereby respond as follows.

The shortened period for response expired July 5, 2007, accordingly Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 03-0172 in the amount of \$120.00 for payment of the one month extension of time. The extended due date for this response therefore is August 5, 2007. It is believed that there is no additional fee associated with the filing and consideration of this response, however, should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this response to deposit account number 03-0172.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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